



Sasquatch Backcountry Crew at Walupt Lake

Where: Gifford Pinchot National Forest near Packwood, Washington

Dates: Sunday, September 9 through Saturday, September 15, 2012 (with a morning meeting time on September 9). Volunteers may join for fewer than the full 7 days, however, volunteers need to go in the first day with the crew.

Project Description: Join a pack-stock supported volunteer crew led by combined PCTA and USFS staff, doing important work on the high ridge above Walupt Lake in the Goat Rocks Wilderness. Cut back brush, improve the trail's drainage, and help prevent further erosion. The fourth day is a day off-- individual volunteers and staff may choose to lounge about camp or explore the beautiful area on their own. Nearby on the PCT is Nannie Ridge, from which there are outstanding views of the big volcanoes! Volunteers will backpack their personal gear 4 miles to base camp and hike 3 total miles each day to/from the project site. Prior trail maintenance experience is not required; experienced trail crew leaders will be there to help teach you the skills needed. Backcountry experience is needed.

Fee: *PCTA volunteer events are free!* Safety equipment and tools are available for your use throughout the project period.

Camping and Meals: Volunteers will camp in the backcountry. Meals are provided starting with lunch and dinner on Sunday. Volunteers may need to assist in meal preparation, cooking, and clean up.

Elevation: 5500 feet

Fitness Level 3: Difficult. This project is suitable for individuals who are fit and participate in an exercise routine consistently. Project components will include one or more from the following: hiking 3-8 miles each day on a rough, steep, and/or rocky trail, elevation change over 1000 ft over the course of the hike, moderately physical work activities, and/or backpacking. This project will be difficult, participants need to be in great physical conditioning and are aware of their physical abilities and limits before joining this project.

What to Bring: Volunteers need to bring personal camp gear, appropriate outdoor clothing, and boots. A comprehensive list is provided upon registration.

Volunteer Positions Available: 9

To Register: Please contact Merrit Hoeh at 916-285-1838 or at volunteer@pcta.org.